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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION ) Examiner: GIBSON  
Serial Number: 10/737417 ) Art Unit: 3661  
Filed: 12/15/2003 )  
For: DRIVE SYSTEM SWITCHING CONTROL METHOD )  
Docket Number: 13693 )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

29 March 2006

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated 1 December 2005, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to 1 March 2006. Accompanying this response is a Petition for an Extension of Time for one-month. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on 29 March 2006.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.